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RADIO NOTES CIA DIRECTOR'S INTERVIEW WITH U.S. MAGAZINE

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[Text] CIA Director Stanfield Turner has said that this U.S. espionage agency will continue to carry out clandestine and paramilitary operations against other countries.

During an interview with the U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, Turner said that CIA activities transcend the military field to also include economic and political problems. He affirmed that the espionage agency will reduce its foreign political interventions but will not stop them altogether. The director of the CIA, whom President James Carter entrusted several days ago with the task of reorganizing the espionage services, also obtained control of the budgets of these services. A recent study of the Center for U.S. National Security affirms that the scandals caused by the CIA and the Federal Bureau of Investigations have not been corrected. The document recalls that President Carter promised during his election campaign to end the illegal activities of the U.S. intelligence services.

CASTILLA WELCOMES SOVIET DELEGATION TO CEMA MEETING

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[Text] Vladimir Kirillin, deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, heads the Soviet Union's delegation to the 18th meeting of the CEMA Committee [for Science and Technology], which opens in our country today. Council of Ministers Vice Chairman Belarmino Castilla welcomed the Soviet leader. The Cuban delegation that will participate in the CEMA committee meeting will be headed by Zoilo Marinello, president of the State Committee for Science and Technology.

Opens Meeting, Outlines Objectives

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[Text] Belarmino Castilla Mas, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers and member of the PCC Central Committee, has made the opening speech at the 18th Meeting of the CEMA Committee for Science and Technology, which began this morning.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Vladimir Kirillin, deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers and Chairman of the USSR State Committee for Science and Technology, officially welcomed the 10 CEMA-member countries that will examine an important work agenda in a session that will last until Thursday, 3 February, at the Habana Libre Hotel.

In his remarks, Belarmino Castilla stressed that this is the first time that a meeting of this type has been held on the American continent and said he was convinced that its objectives would be attained. Castilla said that a plan for the accelerated development of science and technology in Cuba will be the main issue to be discussed at the meeting. He then outlined some of the aspects of the plan which will benefit our country: progressive use of technology in sugarcane agriculture; industrialization of sugarcane byproducts; agroindustrial development of citrus fruits; a plan for exploitation of solar and nuclear energy; and development of the electrical network are, among others, the subprograms [as heard] related to Cuba that will be discussed at the 18th CEMA Meeting for Science and Technology.

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At the end of this speech, Belarmino Castilla emphasized that the round of talks will help reach agreements aimed at the expansion of scientific and technological cooperation for the benefit of our socialist development.

More on Castilla Speech

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[Excerpts] Belarmino Castilla Mas, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers and member of the PCC Central Committee, this morning spoke at the opening session of the 18th CEMA Meeting for Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

The important meeting was officially opened by Valdimir Kirillin, deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers and chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers State Committee for Science and Technology. Kirillin referred to the good organization of the meeting and thanked the Cuban Government for the facilities offered for the meeting.

PCC Central Committee members Jose Felipe Carneado and Zoilo Marinello also chaired the opening session. Marinello heads the Cuban delegation to the meeting and is chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology.

These meetings are very important because they contribute to the common objective we have proposed for ourselves, Council of Ministers Vice Chairman Belarmino Castilla Mas declared in his speech at the CEMA Meeting, which opened this morning.

Castilla Mas said the plan for an accelerated development of science and technology in Cuba will be the main topic to be considered at the meeting. The plan contains the middle- and long-term fundamental objectives we propose to reach in this field. He emphasized the importance our country attaches to the plan for accelerating the nation's scientific and technological development.

In his speech this morning, Belarmino Castilla emphasized that Cuba and Mongolia will have preferential treatment as lesser developed countries. We therefore reiterate our gratitude for the understanding attitude demonstrated by the other CEMA-member countries-- and attitude which reflects the internationalist nature of our relations, the Council of Ministers vice chairman noted. These relations serve as a shining example for under-developed countries in their struggle against the reactionary and imperialist interests in achieving superior economic, political and social levels, he said.

In sugarcane agriculture, a considerable increase in the levels of technology beyond those already achieved will be sought, and this will help us to gradually increase our sugar production. Of course, he emphasized, the increased sugar production we have planned requires great efforts, including the construction of new sugar mills and modernization of others. To this end, we will take advantage of the benefits of specialization and the international division of labor, the council of ministers vice chairman added.

In his speech, Belarmino Castilla referred to different subprograms that are of great importance for our country within the framework of the CEMA Meeting for Scientific and Technological Cooperation. As an example, he cited the solar energy subprogram, aimed at the creation of scientific-technological bases for the exploitation of such an important energy source, for which Cuba has optimum conditions.

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On the subject of nuclear energy, Belarmino Castilla announced that a nuclear power plant will be built in our country with the assistance of the Soviet Union. This will benefit our economy to a great extent. An international institute devoted to the study of erosion and methods of protection and tropicalization under the specific characteristics of our country is also planned as part of the assistance CEMA will offer Cuba.

The policy of blockade on the part of North American imperialism has failed in all fields, including the fields of science and technology, Belarmino Castilla has declared.

We expect profitable results from this meeting; in addition, it should generate a productive exchange of experiences in our common work, Belarmino Castilla concluded in his speech to the delegates to the important meeting.

NICARAGUAN PRIEST: CUBA AT VANGUARD OF L.A. REVOLUTION

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[Text] Nicaraguan priest and poet Ernesto Cardenal said here a single revolution is underway in America and Cuba is at the vanguard. He added that Nicaragua is very close to victory. Cardenal is in Havana as a member of the Casa de las Americas 1978 jury. The priest, who is also a member of the Sandinista National Liberation Front [FSLN] of Nicaragua, said the situation in his country is quite surprising since the Somoza dictatorship has been considerably weakened. He added that the FSLN enjoys great popularity, even in the most conservative sectors.

PINEIRO RECEIVES PUERTO RICAN CP LEADER IRRIZARY

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[Text] Franklin Irrizary, secretary general of the Puerto Rican Communist Party, who is on a stopover in our country, has met with Manuel Pineiro Losada, member of the PCC Central Committee and chief of the America Department. During their talks, they discussed matters concerned with relations between the two parties. Irrizary described as positive that which Puerto Rican workers have obtained so far in their demands from management. He referred to the events that have taken place in Puerto Rico in recent weeks as a result of a labor-management conflict between the electric company management and the Union of Electrical and Irrigation [as heard] Workers. Franklin Irrizary added that this conflict has been aggravated by the strike called by the Metropolitan Bus Authority workers.

REPORT ON CASTRO'S SCHOOL DEDICATION SPEECH

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[Text] At the inauguration of the Friedrich Engels Vocational School in Pinar del Rio, our Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of the PCC and president of the Council of State and Council of Ministers, delivered a speech in which he told the students: Everything we have seen here today generates trust, hope and optimism. And Fidel emphasized: We need you, students of this vocational school, to help us in our task, our effort, our struggle so that schools of this type will become what they should be. Our commander in chief referred to various aspects of educational work in the vocational schools and in the country's schools in general.